IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON PORTLAND DIVISION

V.

NIKE INC., an Oregon Corporation,

Defendant.

REMOTE VIDEOCONFERENCE DEPOSITION OF

MONIQUE MATHESON

Taken in behalf of Plaintiffs

February 22, 2021

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1	BE IT REMEMBERED THAT, the remote
2	videoconference deposition of MONIQUE MATHESON
3	was reported by Aleshia K. Macom, Oregon CSR
4	No. 94-0296, Washington CCR No. 2095, California
5	CSR No. 7955, RMR, CRR, RPR, on Monday,
6	February 22, 2021, commencing at the hour of
7	9:02 a.m., the witness appearing at Beaverton,
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1		not Nike received a complaint that Mr. Ayre had
2		created a hostile work environment.
3		MR. PRINCE: Same objection.
4		THE WITNESS: I don't know.
5	Q.	BY MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: You don't know one way
6		or the other whether Nike had received a
7		complaint that Mr. Ayre was creating a hostile
8		work environment?
9		MR. PRINCE: Asked and answered.
10		THE WITNESS: I'm not aware whether Nike
11		received a complaint regarding Mr. Ayre and a
12		hostile work environment.
13	Q.	BY MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Who at Nike would know
14		whether Nike had received a complaint that
15		Mr. Ayre had created a hostile work environment?
16	Α.	I'm not sure who would know that.
<u>17</u>	<u>Q.</u>	I'm going to read another couple sentences from
<u>18</u>		this article from the same page. "In July
<u>19</u>		Mr. Parker held an annual leadership team
<u>20</u>		meeting at a resort in Oregon's Willamette
<u>21</u>		Valley where he informed Mr. Ayre he could no
<u>22</u>		longer stay, one person said. The next day Nike
<u>23</u>		announced Mr. Ayre's retirement and the
<u>24</u>		promotion of Monique Matheson."
<u>25</u>		Do you see those sentences?

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<u>1</u>	<u>A.</u>	I do see those sentences.
<u>2</u>	Q.	Was your promotion announced on the same day as
<u>3</u>		the announcement of Mr. Ayre's retirement?
<u>4</u>	<u>A.</u>	I don't recall the exact announcement of either
<u>5</u>		his departure or my promotion.
<u>6</u>	<u>Q.</u>	We're uploading a document that is marked as
7		Exhibit 631 from Nike News, dated July 18, 2017,
8		heading, "Nike, Inc., announces Monique Matheson
9		as New EVP Global Human Resources." Let me know
<u>10</u>		when you've downloaded Exhibit 631, please.
<u>11</u>	<u>A.</u>	I have that document open.
<u>12</u>	Q.	Can you identify this document, please?
<u>13</u>	<u>A.</u>	It's, I mean, it's, it's entitled "Nike News."
<u>14</u>		I don't, I don't understand the question.
<u>15</u>	Q.	What is Nike News?
<u>16</u>	<u>A.</u>	I, I don't know. I don't know. I don't know
<u>17</u>		where this came from.
<u>18</u>	Q.	Does Nike make announcements in documents
<u>19</u>		referred to as Nike News?
<u>20</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>I'm not sure.</u>
<u>21</u>	Q.	As you see down at the bottom, it came from the
<u>22</u>		<u>internet.</u>
<u>23</u>		Is this a document that would have been
<u>24</u>		<pre>posted to Nike's website?</pre>
<u>25</u>		MR. PRINCE: Objection; speculation.

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<u>1</u>	THE WITNESS: I haven't seen this document.
<u>2</u>	I'm not sure where it came from.
<u>3</u> <u>Q.</u>	BY MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Does it refresh your
<u>4</u>	recollection that you're, you were announced as
<u>5</u>	the new EVP on July 18, 2017?
<u>6</u> <u>A.</u>	I don't recall the specific date. And this date
<u>7</u>	is, is in the, is in the ballpark of when I
<u>8</u>	would have been announced.
<u>9</u> Q.	Do you know if the announcement of your
<u>10</u>	appointment as the new EVP was made on the same
<u>11</u>	day that Mr. Ayre's retirement was announced?
<u>12</u>	MR. PRINCE: Asked and answered.
<u>13</u>	THE WITNESS: I don't recall specifically,
<u>14</u>	although it makes sense that I would not be
<u>15</u>	announced into a job unless it had already been
<u>16</u>	announced that David was not in the job.
<u>17</u> <u>Q.</u>	BY MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: By "David" you're
<u>18</u>	referring to David Ayre?
<u>19</u> A.	I'm referring to David Ayre.
20 Q.	Do you know if Mr. Parker informed Mr. Ayre at
21	the 2017 leadership conference in the Willamette
22	Valley that he had to leave the conference?
23	MR. PRINCE: Objection; vague, speculation.
24	THE WITNESS: I don't know what
25	conversations occurred between Mr. Parker and

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1		MR. BYRON GOLDSTEIN: Ms. Matheson, we can
2		either do it for you or you can right click on
3		the screen and then do you see where it says
4		rotate clockwise?
5		THE WITNESS: Yes.
6		MR. BYRON GOLDSTEIN: So whichever you
7		prefer. It's just how the court reporter saved
8		them last time. But we're happy to do it on our
9		end if you prefer.
10		THE WITNESS: I've got it. Just take a
11		second.
12		I believe that I would have seen Well,
13		let me back up. When the survey
14	Q.	BY MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Pardon?
15	Α.	When the survey is provided to Nike, I did a
16		initial review of the surveys. I don't recall
17		all the pages or the contents of the surveys.
18		So the format looks familiar, but I don't recall
19		if I saw all of these pages when I did that
20		review.
<u>21</u>	<u>Q.</u>	Let me ask you about the format. Do you recall
<u>22</u>		that the format of the survey was at the first
<u>23</u>		page, was the same for the survey and it's the
<u>24</u>		first page of Exhibit 587, which is
<u>25</u>		NIKE_00033338? Do you recall that this being

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<u>1</u>		the first page for the survey responses that you
<u>2</u>		saw?
<u>3</u>	<u>A.</u>	My recollection is that this was the first page
<u>4</u>		of most of the surveys.
<u>5</u>	<u>Q.</u>	And it had two general areas, discrimination or
<u>6</u>		other harassment and sexual harassment; is that
<u>7</u>		correct?
8	<u>A.</u>	I This first page has those two, those two
<u>9</u>		areas. So I believe this page was the first
<u>10</u>		page of the survey.
11	Q.	Okay. Now, some of the survey responses were
12		anonymous. This one was not. It's listed as
13		. Do you know ?
14	Α.	I do.
15	Q.	How do you know
16	Α.	She was a Nike employee.
17	Q.	What was her position?
18	Α.	She held a number of positions at Nike. I
19		believe her most recent position was the GM of
20		New York City.
21	Q.	And that's a vice president level position, is
22		it not?
23	Α.	She was a vice president.
24	Q.	Is still with Nike?
25	A.	is no longer an employee at Nike.

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1		concerns of an employee, to take notes of any
2		interview you had with an employee?
3	Α.	It is my general practice to take notes when I'm
4		talking to employees who've brought a concern
5		forward.
6		MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Why don't we take a
7		ten-minute You'd like to take a recess now?
8		THE WITNESS: Yes, please.
9		MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Okay. So it's noon.
10		12:10? Is ten minutes enough time,
11		Ms. Matheson?
12		THE WITNESS: I think it's okay.
13		MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Okay. 12:10.
14		(Break taken from 11:59 to 12:15.)
<u>15</u>	Q.	BY MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Ms. Matheson, did you
<u>16</u>		write up a summary or a report of your
<u>17</u>		conversation with regarding the
<u>18</u>		concerns that she raised in the survey document?
<u>19</u>		MR. PRINCE: Asked and answered.
<u>20</u>		THE WITNESS: I don't have a specific
<u>21</u>		recollection of writing up notes from my meeting
<u>22</u>		with But as I stated earlier, it
<u>23</u>		would have been my practice to write notes.
24	Q.	BY MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: You did give that
25		testimony about notes, but I asked about a

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1		THE WITNESS: Could you repeat that
2		question?
3		MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Aleshia, please.
4		(Record read as follows:
5		"Q Would there be a record of the
6		conclusions reached with respect to the
7		investigation of complaint?")
<u>8</u>		THE WITNESS: There was an investigation
<u>9</u>		into every concern that was brought forward,
<u>10</u>		including . I believe there would
<u>11</u>		be a report associated with the investigation.
<u>12</u>		I don't recall seeing it.
13	Q.	BY MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Did you recall Do
14		you Have you seen the investigation report
15		with respect to any of the complaints that were
16		filed in the Starfish survey?
17		MR. PRINCE: Vague as well as foundation.
18		THE WITNESS: As I said earlier, every
19		concern that was raised was followed up on. I'm
20		not sure the status of the reports. I recall
21		seeing some reports. I do not recall which
22		specific reports I reviewed.
23	Q.	BY MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Do you recall, were
24		there conclusions with respect to the validity
25		of the complaints made in the survey included in

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1		the reports that you saw?
2		MR. PRINCE: Same objection.
3		THE WITNESS: The reports, I don't recall
4		the specific reports. The reports would have
5		provided an overview of what the investigation
6		found as part of a followup.
7	Q.	BY MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Where are those reports
8		retained?
9	Α.	I don't know where they're retained.
10	Q.	Do you know if the reports related to the
11		complaints made in the Starfish survey have been
12		retained by Nike?
<u>13</u>	<u>A.</u>	All of the concerns, all of the employee
<u>14</u>		concerns that were brought forward in a
<u>15</u>		followup. And our outside counsel took the full
<u>16</u>		set of surveys and ensured that everyone had a
<u>17</u>		followup. I don't know where the reports are
<u>18</u>		kept right now. I do believe that Nike would
<u>19</u>		have maintained a copy of the reports. I don't
<u>20</u>		know where they are or who has them.
21	Q.	You testified that it was your usual practice to
22		take notes with respect to conversations that
23		you had with employees who raised concerns.
24		Where would the notes that you would take of
25		those interviews be retained?

Page 87 1 would have been shared for the relevant followup 2 investigation. 3 When you interviewed vice president 0. there anyone else on that conversation that you 4 5 had with 6 Α. Yes. 7 Is it a telephone conversation? 0. 8 Α. I believe it was an in-person conversation. 9 Where did that in-person conversation take Q. 10 place? Α. I believe it happened, I believe it occurred in 11 12 a conference room on the first floor of the Dan 13 Fouts or the Salazar building, one of the --14 0. This is at Nike World -- Excuse me. This is at 15 Nike World Headquarters? In a conference room in one of the Nike 16 Α. 17 buildings here on campus. 18 Who else was present when you had this in-person Q. 19 conversation with 20 Our chief administrative officer, Hilary Krane. Α. 21 Q. Did you talk to other employees who responded to 22 the Starfish survey about their complaints? 23 Α. I spoke with a number of employees who brought 24 concerns forward. Not all of whom completed a 25 survev.

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1		survey.
2	Q.	Was your conversation with in person?
3	Α.	Yes.
4	Q.	Was it Excuse me.
5	Α.	Yes. I had an in-person conversation with
6		•
7	Q.	Is still employed at Nike?
8	Α.	She is no longer a Nike employee.
9	Q.	What was last position at Nike?
10	Α.	I don't recall her title.
11	Q.	Was she a vice president?
12	A.	She was.
13	Q.	Was anyone else present when you met with
14		?
15	Α.	Yes.
16	Q.	Who was present?
17	Α.	Hilary Krane, I believe.
<u>18</u>	<u>Q.</u>	Did you take notes of your meeting with
<u>19</u>		?
<u>20</u>	<u>A.</u>	Yes. I believe I would have taken notes at the
<u>21</u>		advice of counsel and consistent with my
<u>22</u>		practice. I very likely took notes during that
<u>23</u>		conversation.
24	Q.	Would your notes reflect whether or not Hilary
25		Krane was present?

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<u>1</u>	Q.	Did you take notes during that meeting?
<u>2</u>	<u>A.</u>	I don't have specific recollection of taking
<u>3</u>		notes. And it would have been my practice to
<u>4</u>		take notes, and likely on the advice of counsel,
<u>5</u>		I would have taken notes.
6	Q.	You also met with , and I'm sorry I don't
7		have her last name. But you know who I'm
8		referring to?
9	A.	I believe you're referring to
10	Q.	Right. Did you meet with her in person?
11	A.	I did.
12	Q.	Was Ms. Krane present at that meeting as well?
13	A.	I don't recall if Hilary was present for that
14		meeting.
15	Q.	Do you recall if anybody else was present at
16		that meeting?
17	A.	No one else would have been present in that
18		meeting.
19	Q.	Is, is still an employee with the
20		company?
21	A.	is not an employee of Nike.
22	Q.	What was her position at the time that she made
23		a complaint with the Starfish survey?
24	A.	I believe was a vice president in our
25		design organization.

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1		MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Why don't we take a
2		lunch period.
3		(Break taken from 12:57 to 1:47.)
4	Q.	BY MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Okay. We've uploaded
5		an exhibit marked as 506, Uniform Guidelines on
6		Employee Selection Procedures. Ms. Matheson,
7		let me know when you have this document up,
8		please.
9	Α.	Okay. I have the Code of Federal Regulations
10		up. Hang on one minute. I'm not able to
11		Okay.
<u>12</u>	<u>Q.</u>	If you look down it says "Part 1607, Uniform
<u>13</u>		<u>Guidelines and Employee Selection Procedures."</u>
<u>14</u>		Are you familiar with the uniform guidelines?
<u>15</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>I am not.</u>
16	Q.	I'll just ask you a couple of questions with
17		respect to these guidelines. I'm going to ask
18		you a question on page 19 of the guidelines.
19		It's section 1607.16X. And I will read that,
20		Ms. Matheson.
21	Α.	Give me a minute.
22	Q.	Do you have it?
23	Α.	I'm not quite there. Page 17, you said?
24	Q.	19.
25	Α.	Okay. I'm on page 19.

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1	Q.	And I want to read to you section X.
2	Α.	Okay.
<u>3</u>	<u>O.</u>	"Validated in accordance with these guidelines
<u>4</u>		or properly validated. A demonstration that one
<u>5</u>		or more validity study or studies meeting the
<u>6</u>		standards of these guidelines has been
<u>7</u>		conducted, including investigation and, where
<u>8</u>		appropriate, use of suitable alternative
<u>9</u>		selection procedures as contemplated by section
<u>10</u>		3B and has produced evidence of validity
<u>11</u>		sufficient to warrant use of the procedure for
<u>12</u>		the intended purpose under the standards of
<u>13</u>		these guidelines."
<u>14</u>		My question, Ms. Matheson, is do you know if
<u>15</u>		any validity study has been conducted by Nike
<u>16</u>		with respect to promotion practices?
<u>17</u>		MR. PRINCE: Vague and ambiguous.
<u>18</u>		THE WITNESS: I'm not sure whether any
<u>19</u>		validation studies have been completed.
<u>20</u>	<u>Q.</u>	BY MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Do you know of any such
<u>21</u>		validity studies as defined by what I just read
<u>22</u>		from the uniform guidelines?
<u>23</u>	<u>A.</u>	<pre>I'm not aware.</pre>
<u>24</u>		MR. PRINCE: Vague. Hang on. Vague and
<u>25</u>		also to the extent it would call for an expert

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<u>1</u>		opinion or a legal conclusion.
<u>2</u>		THE WITNESS: I'm not aware of any
<u>3</u>		validation studies have been completed.
<u>4</u>	Q.	BY MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Is that true with
<u>5</u>		respect to proponents evaluation practices as
<u>6</u>		well?
<u>7</u>		MR. PRINCE: Same objections.
<u>8</u>		THE WITNESS: Yes. I'm not aware of
9		validation studies being conducted regarding
<u>10</u>		performance evaluation process.
11	Q.	BY MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Would the same be true
12		with respect to compensation practices?
13		MR. PRINCE: Same objections.
14		THE WITNESS: I'm not aware of validation
15		studies pursuant to these guidelines being
16		conducted
17	Q.	BY MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Do you know what a
18		lease Excuse me. Had you finished,
19		Ms. Matheson?
20	Α.	Yes. Go ahead.
21	Q.	Do you know a Lisa Lewen, L E W E N?
22	Α.	That name does not I recognize the name. I
23		don't I don't know more than that.
24	Q.	Do you know if she's in the talent practices
25		department at Nike?

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1	Α.	I'm not sure.
2	Q.	Does talent practices report to you?
3	A.	Yes. The talent organization reports up to me.
4	Q.	We're uploading an exhibit marked as 615. It's
5		a LinkedIn profile for Lisa Lewen, has her
6		picture on it. I'm going to ask you whether or
7		not this profile with her picture refreshes your
8		recollection about Ms. Lewen. Do you have that
9		exhibit before you?
10	Α.	I see. I do. I do.
11	Q.	Does this exhibit refresh your recollection
12		about Ms. Lewen?
13		MR. PRINCE: Vague.
14		THE WITNESS: It does not.
<u>15</u>	<u>Q.</u>	BY MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Returning back to
<u>16</u>		Exhibit 506, which is the uniform guidelines,
<u>17</u>		and looking on page 18, there is a definition of
<u>18</u>		job analysis. In section K it reads "A detailed
<u>19</u>		statement of work behaviors and other
<u>20</u>		information relevant to the job."
<u>21</u>	<u>A.</u>	<pre>I see that.</pre>
<u>22</u>	<u>Q.</u>	Do you know of any job analysis that Nike has
<u>23</u>		performed with respect to this definition for
<u>24</u>		any job at Nike World Headquarters in bands L
<u>25</u>		through S?

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<u>1</u>		MR. PRINCE: Vague, compound, calls for
<u>2</u>		expert opinion or legal conclusion.
<u>3</u>		THE WITNESS: I do not know if any job
<u>4</u>		analysis pursuant to this federal standard has
<u>5</u>		been conducted for Nike.
6	Q.	BY MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Turning to page 12 in
7		section 1607.15.
8	Α.	I'm at that section.
9	Q.	And I'll just read it, "Required information.
10		Users of selection procedures other than those
11		users complying with Section 15A(1) below,
12		should maintain and have available for each job
13		information on adverse impact of the selection
14		process for that job and, where it is determined
15		a selection practice has an adverse impact,
16		evidence of validity as set forth below."
17		Does Nike have available any information on
18		adverse impact as provided for in this section
19		with respect to any selection practices used for
20		jobs in bands L through S at Nike World
21		Headquarters on female employees?
22		MR. PRINCE: Vague, compound, calls for
23		expert opinion or legal conclusion.
24		THE WITNESS: I'm going to need you to
25		repeat that question.

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1		you're withholding any information based on
2		privilege, please let me know whether you are
3		doing so. Obviously don't reveal that
4		information that you're withholding because of
5		privilege, but let me know if you are
6		withholding any information.
7		THE WITNESS: I am not clear on the question
8		that you're asking.
<u>9</u>	Q.	BY MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Mr. Parker says there's
<u>10</u>		going to be a comprehensive review of HR
<u>11</u>		practices. My question is during that
<u>12</u>		comprehensive review, was there any
<u>13</u>		investigation of whether or not there were
<u>14</u>		allegations of misconduct that had been raised
<u>15</u>		with respect to Mr. Ayre?
<u>16</u>		MR. PRINCE: Same objections here.
<u>17</u>		THE WITNESS: The review of our HR systems
<u>18</u>		and practices was, I'm not trying to be
<u>19</u>		difficult, I'm not quite understanding your
<u>20</u>		question. The HR systems and practices that
<u>21</u>		were reviewed included systems and practices
<u>22</u>		that were in place when David Ayre was the CHRO
<u>23</u>		as well as the systems and practices that were
24		in place at the time.
<u>25</u>	Q.	BY MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Is it fair to say that

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<u>1</u>		you don't know of any investigation involved in
<u>2</u>		this comprehensive review that examined whether
<u>3</u>		there are allegations of misconduct by ?
<u>4</u>		MR. PRINCE: Same objections here as well as
<u>5</u>		asked and answered and argumentative. With
<u>6</u>		respect to the scope of the review, as I've
<u>7</u>		stated probably three times now, the instruction
<u>8</u>		is not to answer to the extent that it would
<u>9</u>		reveal attorney-client privileged
<u>10</u>		communications.
<u>11</u>		THE WITNESS: If there was a concern
<u>12</u>		involving , it would have been, it
<u>13</u>		would have been handed over to our third-party
<u>14</u>		legal firm Seyfarth, who would have determined
<u>15</u>		what fact finding and followup should occur.
<u>16</u>	Q.	BY MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Do you know if the
<u>17</u>		attorneys at Seyfarth Shaw did any investigation
<u>18</u>		with respect to misconduct by
<u>19</u>		MR. PRINCE: Same objection, Barry;
<u>20</u>		privilege.
<u>21</u>		MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Well, if you direct
<u>22</u>		Ms. Matheson not to answer that question, we'll
<u>23</u>		move on.
24		MR. PRINCE: That's the instruction.
<u>25</u>		MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Okay. We'll move on.

Page 181 1 organization. 2 Does that, does that refer to the value bands? Q. 3 Α. The bands are represented in the letters 4 of the word "value." 5 And --0. 6 Α. Value --7 Does it also refer to the E7 plus bands? Q. 8 Yes. It also includes our vice president Α. 9 levels. And when you say "vice president levels," the 10 Q. vice presidents are in the bands E7 to E1; is 11 12 that correct? 13 <u>Vice presidents are E7 to E1. Yes.</u> Α. Right. And that's what is generally referred to 14 0. 15 as E7 plus; right? 16 I quess it could be referred to as E7 plus. Α. 17 Okay. Now, within bands there are also levels, Q. 18 are there not? 19 Α. Some bands, some jobs have a band and a job 20 level, but I don't believe every job has a band 21 and a job level. I'm not, I'm not familiar with 22 the full level and banding information for Nike. 23 When you were referring here to banding, were 0. 24 you also referring to levels within bands? 25 For me banding is more the levels of the values Α.

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- 1 A. She did report to me.
- 2 Q. Did she report to you in 2018?
- 3 A. She began to report to me in the spring of 2018.
- 4 Q. Do you know if she was on the team that was to
- 5 undertake the time and place and promotion
- 6 study?
- 7 A. I don't recall specifically.
- 8 Q. Does Julie Fuller report to you?
- 9 A. Julie Fuller did report to me.
- 10 Q. Did she report to you in 2018?
- 11 A. Julie Fuller did report to me in the spring of
- 12 2018.
- 13 Q. Do you know if she was on the team that was to
- 14 undertake the time in place and pace of
- 15 promotion pay study?
- 16 A. I don't recall specifically.
- 17 Q. Do you recall if Ms. Lauren Thibodeaux was on
- the team that was to undertake the pace of
- 19 promotion and time in place study?
- 20 A. I don't recall specifically.
- 21 Q. Isn't it true that the team in the study began
- to do its work in June of 2018?
- 23 A. I don't recall when the work was initiated.
- 24 Q. Has the work stopped at some point?
- 25 A. On the advice of counsel we paused the work.

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<u>1</u>	<u>Q.</u>	Do you recall when it was paused?
<u>2</u>	<u>A.</u>	I do not recall when it was paused.
<u>3</u>	Q.	You say "pause." That means it may start up
<u>4</u>		again, in my view. Is that what you mean by
<u>5</u>		"pause"?
<u>6</u>	<u>A.</u>	Yes. I believe we may, we very well may start
<u>7</u>		this up again at some point in the future.
8	Q.	But you haven't started it up again, have you?
<u>9</u>	<u>A.</u>	We have not started it up again. No.
<u>10</u>	<u>Q.</u>	Do you know if the study was conducted for
<u>11</u>		several months?
<u>12</u>	<u>A.</u>	<pre>I'm not aware.</pre>
<u>13</u>	<u>Q.</u>	Do you know the reason that the study was
<u>14</u>		stopped on advice of counsel?
<u>15</u>		MR. PRINCE: Objection; privilege, Court's,
<u>16</u>		also The Court's 2020 order.
<u>17</u>		MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Just asking if she
<u>18</u>		knows.
<u>19</u>		MR. PRINCE: Objection remains on the basis
<u>20</u>		of privilege and The Court's October 2020 order.
<u>21</u>	<u>Q.</u>	BY MR. BARRY GOLDSTEIN: Was there an answer?
<u>22</u>	<u>A.</u>	I'm sorry. What was the question again?
<u>23</u>	Q.	Do you know why the study was stopped on advice
<u>24</u>		of counsel?
<u>25</u>	<u>A.</u>	I do not recall why the study was stopped on the

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<u>1</u>		advice of counsel.
2	Q.	In your e-mail there is a section "Driving
3		Toward Change." And there's a bullet point
4		"Hold Leaders Accountable." What do you mean by
5		"leaders"?
6	Α.	As I mentioned earlier, when we think about
7		increasing representation, we think about
8		increasing representation of women and U.S.
9		people of color. And we do that by looking at
10		promotions, retention and hiring. And the
11		leaders who we started with were the top
12		leadership team, the direct reports to the CEO.
13	Q.	How are leaders held accountable?
14	Α.	We provided each leader with visibility to the
15		diverse representation data for their business
16		unit and we showed them what the data showed on
17		promotion, retention and hiring and we worked
18		with them to use this data to inform talent
19		plans and strategies designed to increase
20		representation.
21	Q.	When you say "we," who are you referring to?
22	Α.	My team and I provided visibility to the
23		information and we looked at this information
24		with Mark Parker.
25	Q.	I'm sorry. I missed, I missed the name.

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1		these documents.
2	Q.	Who on the legal team?
3	Α.	Our in-house employment counsel.
4	Q.	Can you tell me specifically who?
5	Α.	During this period I believe it was a
6		combination of Lauren Thibodeaux and Rob
7		Leinwand.
<u>8</u>	Q.	Okay. Let's return to Exhibit 512 under
<u>9</u>		"Inclusive Hiring." And towards the end of that
<u>10</u>		bullet point there's a statement, "Remove bias
<u>11</u>		from critical moments of the hiring process by
<u>12</u>		creating more inclusive job descriptions,
<u>13</u>		enabling blind resume reviews, eliminating the
<u>14</u>		collection of candidate salary history and using
<u>15</u>		data to inform hiring decisions."
<u>16</u>		Do you see that?
<u>17</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>I do.</u>
<u>18</u>	<u>Q.</u>	What is meant by "inclusive job descriptions"?
<u>19</u>	<u>A.</u>	Inclusive job descriptions are intended to
<u>20</u>		remove the types of things that can create
<u>21</u>		unnecessary or artificial barriers to access to
<u>22</u>		the jobs.
23	Q.	We're uploading a document that is marked as
24		Exhibit 510. It's a job description for
25		professional entry and the job code is A0054.

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1		This is just an example of a Nike job
2		description. Is this what you mean by "job
3		description"?
4	Α.	I don't recognize this document.
<u>5</u>	<u>Q.</u>	What are you referring to as a "job description"
<u>6</u>		in this sentence?
<u>7</u>	<u>A.</u>	Our Talent Acquisition team, when they are
8		posting roles, whether it's internally, for
9		internal or external candidates, they use a job
<u>10</u>		description that we explicitly edit to remove
<u>11</u>		anything that might create an artificial barrier
<u>12</u>		to applicants who are otherwise qualified to the
<u>13</u>		role.
14	Q.	Who would be responsible in talent acquisitions
15		for carrying out the goal of creating more
16		inclusive job descriptions?
17	A.	I don't know. I don't know who's responsible
18		for that specific task.
19	Q.	And talent acquisitions does report to you, does
20		it not?
21	Α.	Talent acquisitions does report to me.
22	Q.	We're uploading two documents, Exhibit 552 and
23		555. Exhibit 552 is a e-mail dated July 23rd,
24		2018, subject, "Upcoming Pay and Reward Changes"
25		from yourself to Nike employees.

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1	CERTIFICATE
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3	I, Aleshia K. Macom, Oregon CSR No. 94-0296,
4	Washington CCR No. 2095, California CSR
5	No. 7955, RMR, CRR, RPR, do hereby certify that
6	MONIQUE MATHESON appeared before me remotely at
7	the time and place mentioned in the caption
8	herein; that the witness was by me first duly
9	sworn on oath, and examined upon oral
10	interrogatories propounded by counsel; that said
11	examination, together with the testimony of said
12	witness, was taken down by me in stenotype and
13	thereafter reduced to typewriting; and that the
14	foregoing transcript, pages 1 to 213, both
15	inclusive, constitutes a full, true and accurate
16	record of said examination of and testimony
17	given by said witness, and of all other
18	proceedings had during the taking of said
19	deposition, and of the whole thereof, to the
20	best of my ability.
21	Witness my hand at Portland, Oregon, wis
22	3rd day of March, 2021.
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24	Aleshia K. Macom
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